

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND**

Case No. 19-mc-293

**In re:**

**ATHANASIOS TSIMPEDES,**

**Respondent**

**RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE<sup>1</sup> AND MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO  
SUPPLEMENT**

Respondent, Athan Tsimpedes, Esq. hereby moves this court, to extend the time to Respond to the Order to Show Cause currently due on or about June 14, 2018. In support of this motion, Counsel states as follows:

1. On May 15, 2019 an Order to Show Cause was entered which is currently due on June 14, 2019
2. Respondent's aggravated health issues are severe and disabling at times include uncontrolled diabetes, neuropathy, atrial fibrillation, high blood pressure, and sleep apnea. This court is well aware of the health issues of Respondent in cases before this court. Respondent requires a cardiac procedure. Respondent will supplement with medical records.
3. With his current health issues, Respondent is limited on a daily basis that is affected by stress that necessitates this request and to avoid undue prejudice that a

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<sup>1</sup> Respondent attempted to file online on Friday June 14, 2019 but was informed that there was an automatic suspension of filing online and must be handed in person resulting.

reciprocal suspension would have under the circumstances without properly responding.

4. Respondent is also the caregiver to his 91-year-old father who is currently hospitalized at Johns Hopkins hospital in Bethesda that has affected his ability to properly respond within the time provided and requests an additional 10 days to provide a supplemental response or Amended Response.

5. Respondent has represented the legal community in Maryland and in other jurisdiction on many pro bono cases and respectfully requests the opportunity to properly respond as a suspension in this court would be a death blow. Respondent requests the assistance of this court at this time to not take any reciprocal action to suspend but rather to stay the suspension or proceedings pending the conclusion of any disciplinary action in New Jersey. Respondent takes this matter very seriously but also requests and needs the assistance from this court during this time.

Respondent apologizes for the time and the issue coming before this court which he holds in high esteem.

6. The Maryland bar has not taken any action at this time and is fully aware of my suspension.

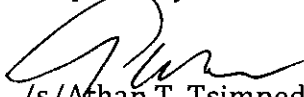
7. Respondent represents to the court that his temporary suspension arises from administrative compliance issues and not from any issue or harm to any client. Respondent last states that the US Circuit Court of Appeals for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit (In Re Athanasios Tsimpedes 18-8038) issued a similar OSC but did not take action of giving reciprocal suspension but rather stayed the action pending the conclusion of the disciplinary matter after Respondent had filed his response. Respondent

request this court also follow the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit stay any action pending the conclusion of any despotically matters in New Jersey or should the Maryland bar take action.

8. Additionally, Counsel informs the court that he is seeking to vacate the temporary suspension within the additional time requested.

9. In the interest of justice and with good cause shown, Counsel requests that this court stay any temporary suspension pending the conclusion of any disciplinary matters in New Jersey or should the State Bar of Maryland order reciprocal temporary suspension which it has not done so to date. Additionally, Respondent will supplement or file an Amended Response to the Show Cause be extended from June 14, 2019 to June 24, 2019 or such time allowed by this court or alternatively to stay the proceeding or any suspension pending the conclusion of any disciplinary matters in New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dated: June 14, 2019

Request FOR Hearing

Respondent Requests A hearing to the extent Necessary.

